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Forest Development Activities
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of forest development activities undertaken currently in the country;
(b) the details of funds allocated for forest development activities during the last three years;
(c) whether initiatives have been taken to involve local people in forest development activities; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a)& (b) The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) implements three major forest related schemes for development of forest areas i.e. National Afforestation Programme (NAP) scheme, National Mission for a Green India (GIM) and Intensification of Forest Management Scheme (IFMS). While NAP is implemented for afforestation of degraded forest lands, the GIM aims at improving the quality of forest/increase in forest cover besides cross sectoral activities on landscape basis, while the IFMS supports the forest protection, development and conservation related activities such as patrolling of the forests, forest fire control, survey and demarcation of forest areas and strengthening of forest infrastructure etc. The details of funds allocated by the Central Government under these three schemes for the last three years are given in Annexure.

(c) & (d) Local people are involved in the forest management and development activities through the Joint Forest Management (JFM) wherein the State forest department and the local communities enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly manage the forest area. The Schemes of NAP and GIM are implemented in participatory mode under the Joint Forest Management (JFM) approach involving Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at village level, which has a major contribution towards the afforestation efforts in the country. About 42,000 JFMCs are involved in development of forests through afforestation under NAP.

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